liberalisation, Government does not fix prices for these items. Prices of various steel items are determined by respective steel producers based on the prevailing market conditions and other related factors.

Steel production in PSUs

2639. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Steel production in public sector steel plants declined considerably during 2001-2002, as compared to 2000-2001; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the plant-wise details of production of steel in the public sector, during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) Except in a few isolated cases, there has been an overall increased in the production of crude steel by the public sector steel plants in 2001-02 as compared to 2000-01.

(b) The plant-wise production of crude steel in the public sector during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 is as below:—

*Public Sector Steel Plant	Production ('000 tonnes)	
	2000-01	2001-02*
SAIL:	3836	3967
BSP		
DSP	1593	1668
RSP	1242	1334
BSL	3635	3498
IISCO	330	346
ASP	114	95
VISL	117	115
RINL	2821	2990
TOTAL:	13688	14013

*Provisional